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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1754

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: PRP PAMPHLETS

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1. SINCE WE SURMISE ONE AIM OF PRP IS TO GAIN PUBLICITY, WE PROPOSE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO PRESS, IN FRENCH AND IN TRANSLATION, COPIES OF PRP DOCUMENTS GIVEN BARBARA SMUTS AND TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT REFTEL. (NB: SINCE KIDNAPPERS NOW PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS PRP, NO NEED TO CONTINUE CLASSIFICATION OF THESE DOCUMENTS. WE HEREWITH DOWNGRADE REFTEL TO UNCLASSIFIED.) WE WOULD HOPE THAT INTERNATIONAL PRESS AND RADIO (THOUGH NOT, WE FEAR TANZANIAN MEDIA) WOULD WISH TO FILL CONTINUING NEED FOR NEW NEWS ON KIDNAPPING BY PUBLICIZING THESE DOCUMENTS AND HENCE PRP.

2. TO MINIMIZE POSSIBLE ZAIRE GOVERNMENT IRRITATION (SINCE WE PRESUME THAT PUBLICITY ABOUT PRP IS NOT WELCOME TO GOZ), WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HAVE BARBARA SMUTS ISSUE THE MATERIAL AT A
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PRESS CONFERENCE WITHOUT USG PRESENCE, EXPLAINING THE DELAY BY

THE NEED TO OBTAIN ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS. SHE COULD SAY THAT SHE WAS GIVING MATERIAL TO THE PRESS BECAUSE SHE KNEW THAT THE PRP WANTED THE WORLD TO KNOW ITS STORY, AND THAT SHE HOPED THAT IF THE WORLD DID KNOW ABOUT THE PRP AND WHAT IT STOOD FOR, THAT THEN THE PRP WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT IT WAS A RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL MOVEMENT, APPLYING ITSELF THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR WHICH IT SAYS IT IS FIGHTING, AND RELEASE SAFELY THE THREE STUDENTS WHO ARE IN NO WAY INVOLVED. SHE MIGHT INCLUDE SUCH REMARKS AS THIS: "I HAVE A COPY OF A PAMPHLET CALLED 'PRP - THE PEOPLES STATE - PRECEPTS AND IDEALS,' WHICH THE PEOPLE AT THE CAMP GAVE ME. THIS PAMPHLET, ALONG WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS WHICH THEY GAVE ME, OUTLINES THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY SAYS IT IS FIGHTING. ONE OF THESE BASIC PRINCIPLES, THIS PAMPHLET SAYS, IS THAT 'THE SAFEGUARD OF POLITICAL AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES SHOULD BE AN INVOLABLE PRINCIPLE, LEGALLY ESTABLISHED, OF THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS.' (NOTE: FRENCH ORIGINAL IS "LE SAUVEGARDE DES LIBERTES POLITIQUES ET INDIVIDUELLES SOIT UN PRINCIPE INVOLABLE LEGALEMENT ETABLI DE LA DIGNITE DU DROIT HUMAIN.") EMILIE AND CARRIE AND STEVE HAVE A RIGHT TO THEIR LIBERTY TOO, AND I CALL UPON THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY TO LIVE UP TO THEIR OWN PRINCIPLES AND GRANT THEM THEIR FREEDOM. THE PEOPLE AT THE CAMP TOLD ME THAT THEY WANTED THE WORLD TO KNOW ABOUT THEM AND WHAT THEIR PARTY AND ITS PRESIDENT, LAURENT KABILA, ARE DOING, AND WHAT THEY STAND FOR. I'M NOT A POLITICIAN, AND I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ZAIRE. I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF THE CONGO BEFORE THIS HAPPENED. BUT MAYBE IF THE NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO STATIONS AROUND THE WORLD TELL PEOPLE WHAT THIS PARTY SAYS IT IS DOING AND FIGHTING FOR, THEN THE PRP WILL SHOW THE WORLD THAT IT IS A RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION AND WILL LET EMILIE AND CARRIE AND STEVE, WHO HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING AGAINST IT, GO FREE. THEY TOLD US THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA AND HOLLAND. THEREFORE, I HAVE HAD COPIES MADE OF THE DOCUMENTS WHICH THE PEOPLE AT THE CAMP GAVE ME, AND TRANSLATIONS OF THEM INTO ENGLISH. I'M GIVING THEM TO YOU BECAUSE I HOPE THAT IF THE RADIOS AND NEWSPAPERS TELL THE WORLD ABOUT THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY, AND IF THEY KNOW THAT THE WORLD KNOWS ABOUT THEM, THEN THEY WILL LET MY FRIENDS GO."

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3. IF ACTION ADDRESSEES CONCUR, REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT PREPARE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED REFTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND CABLE IT TO US. (WE WILL UNDERTAKE MAKE TRANSLATION ON OUR OWN, BUT IF POSSIBLE WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF DEPARTMENT'S LANGUAGE SERVICES.)

4. WE REQUEST EARLY REPLY, IF POSSIBLE, SO THAT PROJECT COULD

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